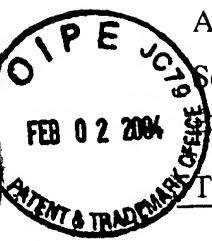
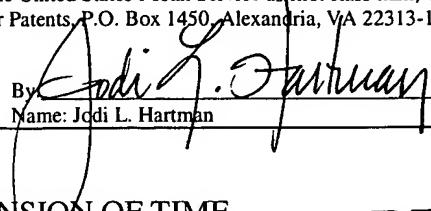


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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 1-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 30, 2003, said period of response being extended from December 30, 2003 to January 30, 2004.

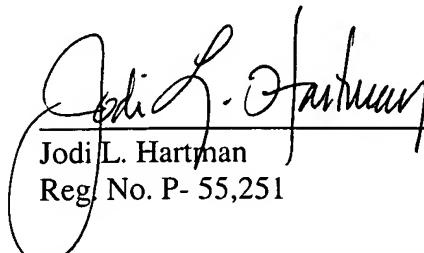
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